

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 9, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 10-19 and 25-37 were pending in the application. The Examiner rejected Claims 10-13, 15-19, and 25-37; and objected to Claims 14 and 16. Applicant amends Claims 32 and 33, without prejudice or disclaimer to correct typographical errors and not to overcome prior art. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action of all pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Claim Objections

The Examiner requests Applicant to provide specific support from the specification for invoking 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶ 6. As an example and not by way of limitation, **TABLE 1** includes exemplary support from the specification for each element of Claims 31-33 in which Applicant invokes 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶ 6. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action response filed on February 21, 2005 and favorable action in this case.

TABLE 1

Claim No./ Element	Claim Language	Exemplary Support for Invocation of 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶ 6 from Specification
31.	An input device for use with a system operable to process an electronic communication comprising:	See Fig. 1, Nos. 110, 112, 113, 115; page 8, lines 22-26; Fig. 2; page 10, lines 18-19.
31.(a)	means for receiving a request via an input device to process an electronic communication;	See Fig. 1, Nos. 110, 112, 113, 115; page 8, lines 22-26; Fig. 2; page 10, lines 19-23.
31.(b)	means for determining an identification key operable to identify the input device, the identification key uniquely identifying the input device; and	See Fig. 1, No. 101; page 8, lines 13-18; page 10, lines 9-12; Fig. 2, Nos. 208, 210; page 10, line 28 – page 11, line 11.
31.(c)	means for processing the email using the requesting process upon validating the identification key.	See Fig. 1, No. 101; page 8, lines 13-18.

32.	The input device of Claim 31, further comprising:	<i>See Fig. 1, Nos. 110, 112, 113, 115; page 8, lines 22-26; Fig. 2; page 10, lines 18-19.</i>
32.(a)	means for accessing a portion of memory to determine the identification key;	<i>See Fig. 1, No. 101; page 8, lines 13-18; page 10, line 28 – page 11, line 3; page 12, line 27 – page 13, line 5.</i>
32.(b)	means for receiving the identification key from the input device; and	<i>See Fig. 1, No. 109; page 8, lines 22-26; page 9, line 24 – page 10, line 17.</i>
32.(c)	means for comparing the received identification key to a the stored identification key to determine if the input is valid.	<i>See Fig. 1, No. 101; page 8, lines 13-18; page 10, lines 9-12; Fig. 2, Nos. 208, 209; page 10, line 28 – page 11, line 11; page 12, line 27 – page 13, line 5.</i>
33.	The input device of Claim 31, further comprising:	<i>See Fig. 1, Nos. 110, 112, 113, or 115; page 8, lines 22-26; Fig. 2; page 10, lines 18-19.</i>
33.(a)	means for receiving a request via a port operably associated with the input device;	<i>See Fig. 1, No. 109; page 8, lines 22-26; page 9, line 24 – page 10, line 2.</i>
33.(b)	means for receiving the identification key from the input device; and	<i>See Fig. 1, No. 109; page 8, lines 22-26; page 9, line 24 – page 10, line 17.</i>
33.(c)	means for verifying the request and the identification key.	<i>See Fig. 1, No. 101; page 8, lines 13-18; page 10, lines 9-12; Fig. 2, Nos. 208, 209; page 10, line 28 – page 11, line 11; page 12, line 27 – page 13, line 5.</i>

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CONCLUSION

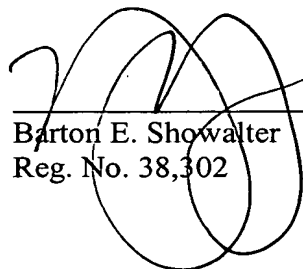
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6809.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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